

# 2004 Nevada Commercial Vehicle Handbook



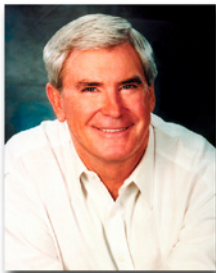
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KENNY C. GUINN  
*Governor*



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

This handbook was developed by agencies that are dedicated to improving truck safety and efficiency. It serves as a quick reference for the professional commercial motor carrier driver, and others who are concerned about commercial motor vehicle travel within Nevada.

Nevada counts on trucking. Our population and economy continue to be among the fastest growing in the nation. These businesses rely on the trucking industry to serve as a vital link between our growing economy and the nation. Trucking services every community in Nevada. Nearly 80% of all communities depend exclusively on trucking to deliver their goods.

Whether you are operating in Nevada or passing through, it is our goal to provide you the general guidelines to ensure continued safe, efficient and timely movement of goods in Nevada.

Drive smart, buckle up and enjoy Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Kenny C. Guinn". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

Kenny C. Guinn  
Governor

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**Trucking in Nevada**

**A Handbook for  
Commercial Vehicle Operators**

**January 2004**

## DISCLAIMER

This document constitutes the general guidelines for operation of a commercial vehicle in Nevada and is not intended to be all-inclusive. If further information is required, contact the appropriate agency listed in the Helpful Numbers section on page X.

The Department of Motor Vehicles website is located at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com). In addition, you can log on to NDOT's website at [www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker). For Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) or Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC) on trucking in Nevada, you can log on to the legislative website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).



# Trucking in Nevada

## Director's Message

Safe and simple! That's our travel goal for all Nevada motorists. But it means more to people who earn their living hauling the goods that we use every day.

Here are a few special safety tips for driving in Nevada:

- Take the time to stop and rest while traveling this big state. Driver fatigue accounts for a sizeable portion of the crashes here. Watch the roads for fatigued drivers in other vehicles too.
- Slow down through the urban areas in Las Vegas and Reno. Often the drivers and pedestrians in these cities are tourists who are unfamiliar with the area. Also, in the city watch for drivers who run red lights.
- Check and adjust your brakes before traveling Nevada's mountainous terrain. Although better known for its vast deserts, Nevada has 51 mountain peaks above 9,000 feet.
- Be prepared for winter storms in northern Nevada. Nevada means, "snow-capped" in Spanish.
- Be on the lookout for high-wind conditions that can pop up nearly anywhere or any time. We may have snow in the mountains but we're still mostly desert.

How simple is trucking in Nevada? Generally, Nevada has fewer restrictions on trucking than other states. For reducible loads, we allow a number of trailer combinations, including triples. For non-reducible loads, we offer efficient permitting that will get your load to its destination, while minimizing the impact to our roads and bridges.

Our commercial enforcement efforts include a mobile

PrePass unit. This unit allows many of the nation's PrePass customers to bypass our inspection stations. Other improvements for truck enforcement are being developed under a national plan called Intelligent Transportation Systems for Commercial Vehicle Operations.



Finally, we are proud of Nevada's high-quality pavement. Our roads are among the nation's best. We hope you find your travel here safe, simple -- and smooth.

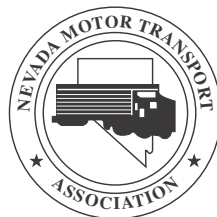
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Director, Nevada Department of  
Transportation

## Organizational Structure

This handbook was developed by agencies that are dedicated to improving truck safety and efficiency. Those agencies and their roles in trucking are shown below.

### Nevada Motor Transport Association (NMTA)

The Nevada Motor Transport Association is a non-profit organization that promotes the trucking industry. The organization supports laws that make highways safer and easier to drive, while keeping truck taxes low. Find the NMTA at [www.nmta.com](http://www.nmta.com).



### Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

The Nevada Department of Transportation builds and maintains the state highways. NDOT plans its highways to provide safe and efficient travel for all vehicles, including trucks. NDOT also issues non-reducible load permits. Find NDOT at [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com).



### Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS)

One of the Nevada Department of Public Safety's many jobs is to ensure the safety of the motoring public through enforcement and education. On the highway, the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) division does this job. The NHP is also responsible for hazardous-materials permits. Find the DPS at [www.ps.state.nv.us](http://www.ps.state.nv.us).



### Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

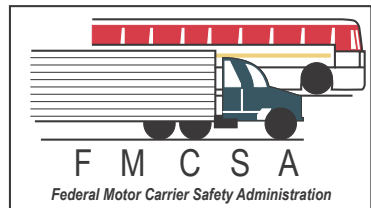


The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles registers trucks, collects fuel taxes, and issues

driver licenses. Also, if you need trip permits or reducible-load permits, you will get them through this department. Find the DMV at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com).

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

It is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's job to increase safety on our highways. The agency educates people regarding safe driving practices in and around trucks. Find the FMCSA at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).



### Nevada Transportation Services Authority (TSA)

The TSA administers and enforces state laws pertaining to passenger transportation, household goods, movers, and tow cars. Find the TSA at [www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/](http://www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/).





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## Helpful Telephone Numbers & Web Sites

**Emergency and** ..... 911 from any phone  
**Accident Reporting** ..... or \*NHP (\*647)  
 (these are free calls) ..... from a cell phone

**Nevada Department of Transportation**  
[www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com)



Road Conditions & Weather: ..... 1-877-NVROADS  
 (1-877-687-6237)  
 Non-Reducible Load Permits ..... (775) 888-7410  
 Toll free: ..... (800) 552-2127

**Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles**  
[www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com)



***Compliance Enforcement Division***

***Motor Carrier Section***

[www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html](http://www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html)

Temporary Trip, Reducible Load  
 & Fuel Permits ..... (775) 684-4711

Toll free: ..... (877) 368-7828

Registration & Licensing ..... (775) 684-4711, Ext. 1

Fuel Tax..... (775) 684-4711, Ext. 2

Dyed Fuel (info/report violation)

Heavy Duty Diesel Enforcement Officers

S. Nevada ..... (702) 486-8626

N. Nevada ..... (775) 684-3562

**Commercial Driver's License Section**

N. Nevada ..... (775) 688-2535

S. Nevada ..... (702) 486-5655

[www.dmvnv.com/nvdl.htm#cdl](http://www.dmvnv.com/nvdl.htm#cdl)

**Nevada Highway Patrol**

[www.nhp.state.nv.us](http://www.nhp.state.nv.us)



Elko Office ..... (775) 753-1111



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Las Vegas Office .....(702) 486-4100  
Reno Office .....(775) 688-2500  
Carson City Office .....(775) 687-5300  
Flashing Amber Light Permits and  
Hazardous Materials Permits .....(775) 684-4622

### Department of Agriculture

Brand Inspectors .....(775) 684-5333

#### Federal

#### Motor Carrier

#### Safety

Administration.....(775) 687-5335

[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)



#### Nevada Motor Transport Association

[www.nmta.com](http://www.nmta.com)



N. Nevada .....(775) 673-6111

S. Nevada .....(702) 262-5665

#### Nevada Transportation Services Authority

[www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/](http://www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/)

N. Nevada .....(775) 688-2800

S. Nevada .....(702) 486-3303



**Chapter I:  
PERMITS**

Under special conditions, commercial vehicle operators may need permits to operate on Nevada's highways. The following is a list of permits that may be required.

- Trip permits
- Oversize and overweight permits
- Hazardous-material permits
- Flashing amber-light permits

Because Nevada has no permanent ports of entry, we recommend that truckers obtain all required permits prior to entering Nevada. Otherwise they must be obtained at the first available permit station.

This booklet addresses requirements for commercial vehicles on the state-maintained highway system. Municipal authorities that have requirements for oversize or overweight vehicles on their roads include:

Clark County	City of Las Vegas
(702) 445-6100	(702) 229-6327

**Trip Permits*****Temporary Registration***

A temporary trip permit, good for 24 hours (120 hours for buses) on a specific highway, is required in these four cases:

1. An *interstate* trucker who has not declared Nevada for apportioned registration under the International Registration Plan (IRP).
2. A trucker, based outside Nevada, who rarely makes trips to Nevada. (For example, a California trucker who makes one trip to Nevada.)
3. A Nevada trucker who does not register his vehicle because it is used infrequently. (For example, a rancher who transports a load once a year.)
4. Any trucker who needs to temporarily increase the declared gross weight from the registered weight.

The temporary-trip permit, purchased from the Department of Motor Vehicles, is \$5 plus 15 cents per mile traveled in Nevada. The DMV estimates the miles that will be traveled during the effective period of the permit.

Temporary trip permits must be obtained from the first available vendor. DMV offices that can issue these permits are:

Reno:	North Las Vegas:	Carson City:
305 Galletti Way	4110 Donovan Way	555 Wright Way
Reno, NV	North Las Vegas,	Carson City, NV
89512	NV 89030	89711
(775) 684-3571	(702) 486-5667	(775) 684-4711

Elko:	Ely:
3920 E. Idaho St.	178 North Avenue F
Elko, NV 89801	Ely, NV 89301
(775) 738-4458	(775) 289-1606

### *Temporary Special-Fuel Use*

A temporary permit for special fuel authorizes the operation of a motor vehicle on Nevada's highways from point of entry to point of exit for not more than 24 consecutive hours. The permit, also purchased from the DMV, is a flat \$30.

A temporary special-fuel use permit is required for these two cases:

1. A trucker based outside Nevada, who does not hold an IFTA license.
2. A Nevada trucker who does not register his vehicle because it is used infrequently.

See Chapter IV: Operating Credentials for more information on IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement).

Temporary trip and special-fuel permits are available at the DMV offices in Carson City, Elko, Ely, North Las Vegas (CDL office) and Reno (see page 2). They are also available through wire services for an additional fee. Contact the DMV Motor Carrier Section at (775) 684-4711 for more information, and the names of wire services.

### **Oversize and Overweight Permits**

Permits are required for all trucks that exceed the size and weight limits mentioned under "General Size and Weight Restrictions" below. Permits may be issued for nearly all size and weight vehicles and combinations. They are issued for specific loads on specific roads for specific time periods.

Oversize and overweight permits are issued based on whether a load is reducible or non-reducible. All truckers should know the difference between "reducible" and "non-reducible" loads.



*Reducible Load* – A load that can be reduced in length, width or height. (Also referred to as a divisible load.)

Example: Gravel.

*Non-Reducible Load* – A load that cannot be reduced in length, width or height. (Also referred to as a non-divisible load.) Example: The Queen Mary.

## *General Size and Weight Restrictions*

**Vehicles exceeding the following size and weight limitations require a permit to travel on state-maintained highways.** Truckers must contact city, county, and other public and private entities for permits regarding travel on roads under those jurisdictions.

### *Height Limitations*

Maximum height for any vehicle including load: 14 feet.

*Exception:*

A vehicle with a load of baled hay is permissible up to 15 feet.

### *Width Limitations*

Maximum width of any vehicle: 102 inches (8'-6").

*Exceptions:*

A vehicle carrying a load of loosely piled agricultural products such as hay, must not exceed 120 inches (10 feet). This includes any retaining racks.

Farm equipment up to 120 inches wide may be hauled, driven, or towed over National Defense highways (Interstates and certain connector roads). It may be moved up to 25 miles from point of origin, at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Farm equipment exceeding 120 inches wide can be moved on any other state highway up to 25 miles, at up to 30 mph. No permit is required if these maximums are not exceeded.

*General Size and Weight Restrictions continued on next page.*

*Length Limitations*

Maximum length of a vehicle or combination: 70 feet.

Length of a motortruck: 40 feet.

Length of a bus: 45 feet.

*Exception:*

A passenger bus which has three axles and two sections joined together by an articulated joint with a trailer which is equipped with a mechanically steered rear axle: 65 feet.

*Weight Limitations***Weight Limitations on Interstate Highways:**

Interstate highways have the same axle-weight restrictions as all routes. However, the Declared Gross Vehicle Weight (DGWV) may not exceed 80,000 pounds without a permit.

**Weight Limitations on All Routes:****Axle Limitation:**

Single Axles – 20,000 lbs.

Tandem Axles – 34,000 lbs.

Tridem Axles – 42,000 lbs.

Other Axle Groups and DGWV – based on  
Federal Bridge Formula

**Tire Limitations:**

- Steering Axles:
  - Maximum of 600 pounds per inch of tire width
- Other Axles:
  - Maximum of 500 pounds per inch of tire width
  - Four tires per axle required if:
    - The axle load is 10,000 pounds or more, and
    - The tires on that axle are less than 14 inches wide.

*Federal Bridge Formula*

Nevada uses the federal-bridge-formula table, commonly known as the “Bridge Table.” This table is designed to minimize the damage to bridges and pavement caused by a heavy load spanning too short a distance between axles. Maximums shown are for reducible loads, and non-reducible permit applications will be reviewed on an individual basis.

# **BRIDGE TABLE FOR NEVADA FOR DETERMINING MAXIMUM VEHICLE WEIGHT BASED ON NUMBER OF AXLES AND SPACING**

Distance in feet between the extremes of  
any group of consecutive axles.

Maximum load in pounds carried on  
any group of consecutive axles.

	2 Axles	3 Axles	4 Axles	5 Axles	6 Axles	7 Axles	8 Axles	9 Axles
4	34,000							
5	34,000							
6	34,000							
7	34,000							
8	34,000	42,000						
9	39,000	43,000						
10	40,000	43,500						
11	40,000	44,500						
12	40,000	45,000	50,000					
13	40,000	46,000	50,500					
14	40,000	46,500	51,500					
15	40,000	47,500	52,000					
16	40,000	48,000	52,500	58,000				
17	40,000	49,000	53,500	58,500				
18	40,000	49,500	54,000	59,500				
19	40,000	50,500	54,500	60,000				
20	40,000	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000			
21	40,000	52,000	56,000	61,000	66,500			
22	40,000	52,500	56,500	62,000	67,000			
23	40,000	53,500	57,500	62,500	68,000			
24	40,000	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000		
25	40,000	55,000	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500		
26	40,000	55,500	59,500	64,500	69,500	75,000		
27	40,000	56,500	60,000	65,000	70,000	76,000		
28	40,000	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000	
29	40,000	58,000	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500	
30	40,000	58,500	62,000	67,000	72,000	77,500	83,000	
31	40,000	59,500	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500	
32	40,000	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500	90,000
33	40,000	60,000	64,000	68,500	74,000	79,500	85,000	90,500
34	40,000	60,000	64,500	69,500	74,500	80,000	85,500	91,000
35	40,000	60,000	65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	86,000	91,500

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	2 Axles	3 Axles	4 Axles	5 Axles	6 Axles	7 Axles	8 Axles	9 Axles
36	40,000	60,000	66,000*	70,500	75,500	81,000	86,500	92,500
37	40,000	60,000	66,500*	71,000	76,000	81,500	87,000	93,000
38	40,000	60,000	67,500*	72,000	77,000	82,000	87,500	93,500
39	40,000	60,000	68,000	72,500	77,500	83,000	88,500	94,000
40	40,000	60,000	68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	89,000	94,500
41	40,000	60,000	69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	89,500	95,000
42	40,000	60,000	70,000	74,500	79,000	84,500	90,000	95,500
43	40,000	60,000	70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,500	96,000
44	40,000	60,000	71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	91,000	97,000
45	40,000	60,000	72,000	76,000	81,000	86,500	91,500	97,500
46	40,000	60,000	72,500	77,000	81,500	87,000	92,500	98,000
47	40,000	60,000	73,500	77,500	82,000	87,500	93,000	98,500
48	40,000	60,000	74,000	78,000	83,000	88,000	93,500	99,000
49	40,000	60,000	74,500	78,500	83,500	88,500	94,000	99,500
50	40,000	60,000	75,500	79,500	84,000	89,000	94,500	100,000
51	40,000	60,000	76,000	80,000	84,500	90,000	95,000	100,500
52	40,000	60,000	76,500	80,500	85,000	90,500	95,500	101,500
53	40,000	60,000	77,500	81,000	86,000	91,000	96,500	102,000
54	40,000	60,000	78,000	82,000	86,500	91,500	97,000	102,500
55	40,000	60,000	78,500	82,500	87,000	92,000	97,500	103,000
56	40,000	60,000	79,500	83,000	87,500	92,500	98,000	103,500
57	40,000	60,000	80,000	83,500	88,000	93,500	98,500	104,000
58	40,000	60,000	80,000	84,500	89,000	94,000	99,000	104,500
59	40,000	60,000	80,000	85,000	89,500	94,500	99,500	105,000
60	40,000	60,000	80,000	85,500	90,000	95,000	100,500	106,000
61	40,000	60,000	80,000	86,000	90,500	95,500	101,000	106,500
62	40,000	60,000	80,000	87,000	91,000	96,000	101,500	107,000
63	40,000	60,000	80,000	87,500	92,000	97,000	102,000	107,500
64	40,000	60,000	80,000	88,000	92,500	97,500	102,500	108,000
65	40,000	60,000	80,000	88,500	93,000	98,000	103,000	108,500
66	40,000	60,000	80,000	89,500	93,500	98,500	103,500	109,000
67	40,000	60,000	80,000	90,000	94,000	99,000	104,500	109,500
68	40,000	60,000	80,000	90,500	95,000	99,500	105,000	110,500
69	40,000	60,000	80,000	91,000	95,500	100,500	105,500	111,000
70	40,000	60,000	80,000	92,000	96,000	101,000	106,000	111,500
71	40,000	60,000	80,000	92,500	96,500	101,500	106,500	112,000
72	40,000	60,000	80,000	93,000	97,000	102,000	107,000	112,500
73	40,000	60,000	80,000	93,500	98,000	102,500	107,500	113,000
74	40,000	60,000	80,000	94,500	98,500	103,000	108,500	113,500
75	40,000	60,000	80,000	95,000	99,000	104,000	109,000	114,000
76	40,000	60,000	80,000	95,500	99,500	104,500	109,500	115,000

\* If the four axles are two consecutive sets of tandem axles with a distance of 36 feet or more between the first and last axle, the axles may carry a total weight of 68,000, but neither tandem axle may carry more than 34,000 pounds.



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Table Continued:

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Axles	Axles	Axles	Axles	Axles	Axles	Axles	Axles
77	40,000	60,000	80,000	96,000	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,500
78	40,000	60,000	80,000	97,000	101,000	105,500	110,500	116,000
79	40,000	60,000	80,000	97,500	101,500	106,000	111,000	116,500
80	40,000	60,000	80,000	98,000	102,000	106,500	111,500	117,000
81	40,000	60,000	80,000	98,500	102,500	107,500	112,500	117,500
82	40,000	60,000	80,000	99,500	103,000	108,000	113,000	118,000
83	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	104,000	108,500	113,500	118,500
84	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	104,500	109,000	114,000	119,500
85	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	105,000	109,500	114,500	120,000
86	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	105,500	110,000	115,000	120,500
87	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	106,000	111,000	115,500	121,000
88	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	107,000	111,500	116,500	121,500
89	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	107,500	112,000	117,000	122,000
90	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	108,000	112,500	117,500	122,500
91	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	108,500	113,000	118,000	123,000
92	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	109,000	113,500	118,500	124,000
93	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	110,000	114,500	119,000	124,500
94	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	110,500	115,000	119,500	125,000
95	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	111,000	115,500	120,500	125,500
96	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	111,500	116,000	121,000	126,000
97	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	112,000	116,500	121,500	126,500
98	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	113,000	117,000	122,000	127,000
99	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	113,500	118,000	122,500	127,500
100	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	114,000	118,500	123,000	128,500
101	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	114,500	119,000	123,500	129,000
102	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	115,000	119,500	124,500	129,000
103	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	116,000	120,000	125,000	129,000
104	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	116,500	120,500	125,500	129,000
105	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	117,000	121,500	126,000	129,000
106	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	117,500	122,000	126,500	129,000
107	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	118,000	122,500	127,000	129,000
108	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	119,000	123,000	127,500	129,000
109	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	119,500	123,500	128,500	129,000
110	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	124,000	129,000	129,000
111	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	125,000	129,000	129,000
112	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	125,500	129,000	129,000
113	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	126,000	129,000	129,000
114	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	126,500	129,000	129,000
115	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	127,000	129,000	129,000
116	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	127,500	129,000	129,000
117	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	128,500	129,000	129,000
118	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	129,000	129,000	129,000
119	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	129,000	129,000	129,000
120	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	129,000	129,000	129,000

The 129,000-pound values shown in faded green are maximums for *reducible* loads only. Allowable maximum weights for *non-reducible* loads are higher, but are not shown to avoid confusion.

## *Reducible Loads*

### *Reducible-Load Examples*

The following are examples of reducible (divisible) loads. They are loads that can be reduced in length, width, or height:

Agricultural products, textiles, earthen materials, foodstuffs, palletized goods, bulk materials, or other commodities.

### *Obtaining Permits for Reducible Loads*

#### *Vehicles Over 70 Feet Long*

The Department of Motor Vehicles issues *annual* (multi-trip), reducible-load permits for vehicles that are more than 70 feet long. These permits run from January 1 through December 31 of a given year. To obtain this permit, contact the Department of Motor Vehicles at:

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles  
555 Wright Way  
Carson City, NV 89711  
Phone: (775) 684-4711  
Office hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### *Vehicles Under 70 Feet Long, and Over 80,000 Pounds*

The Department of Transportation issues reducible-load permits for vehicles that are up to 70 feet long, and exceed 80,000 pounds. Single-trip and annual (multi-trip) permits are available. Single-trip permits are valid for one trip in a five day period. Annual permits run one year from the date of issue (e.g., May 15, 2003 through May 15, 2004). Permitted vehicles or combinations cannot exceed the Federal Bridge Formula limits. To obtain these permits, contact NDOT's Overdimensional Permit Section at:

Nevada Department of Transportation  
1263 South Stewart Street, Room 102  
Carson City, NV 89712  
Phone: (775) 888-7410  
Toll-Free (800) 552-2127  
Fax: (775) 888-7103

[www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/overdimensional/](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/overdimensional/)

Office hours:

Counter Service - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone Service - Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Requests for permits will not be honored after 4:15 p.m.**

## *Fees for Reducible-Load Permits*

Combination Length	Gross Vehicle Weight	Annual Fee
Longer than 70 feet	Heavier than 80,000 lb.	\$60 per each 1,000 lbs. over 80,000 lbs.
Longer than 70 feet	80,000 lb. or less	\$10
70 feet or less	Heavier than 80,000 lb.	\$60

## *Permit Requirements and Restrictions for Reducible Loads*

### *Length*

Reducible-load permits are required for any vehicle combination longer than 70 feet. Also:

- For a combination consisting of 2 or 3 cargo units, no cargo unit can exceed 48 feet
- For a combination consisting of 2 or 3 cargo units, if one of the cargo units is 48-feet long no other cargo unit can exceed 42 feet

There is NO permit available for a reducible load that *exceeds* the following:

- 95 feet of cargo-carrying length for a tractor followed by 2 or 3 trailing units, or
- 98 feet of cargo-carrying length for a truck-trailer or a truck-trailer-trailer.



*Tractor and 3 trailing units*



*Truck-trailer-trailer*

For a combination consisting of three cargo units, the shortest trailer must be placed at the rear of a combination of vehicles. However, if a shorter trailer is heavier than the longer trailer, the longer trailer must be placed behind the shorter trailer. See also: "Routes with Special Width and Length Restrictions" on page 16.

### *Weight*

Reducible-load permits are required for a vehicle or combination greater than 80,000 pounds. *The gross vehicle weight cannot exceed 129,000 pounds. (See also: "Spring-Thaw Route Restrictions on page 19.)*

### *Non-Reducible Loads*

#### *Non-Reducible Load Examples*

The following are examples of non-reducible (non-divisible) loads. They are loads that cannot be reduced in length, width, or height:

Mobile homes, houses, machinery, construction equipment, fabricated units, mobile cranes, off-highway trucks, earth-moving equipment, etc.

Machinery with blades or rippers attached are considered a part of the machine and, therefore, are non-reducible.

#### *Obtaining Permits for Non-Reducible Loads*

The Nevada Department of Transportation's Overdimensional Permit Section issues permits for non-reducible loads. The Overdimensional Permit Section can be reached at:

Nevada Department of Transportation  
1263 South Stewart Street, Room 102  
Carson City, NV 89712  
Phone: (775) 888-7410 or,

Toll-Free: (800) 552-2127

Fax: (775) 888-7103

[www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/overdimensional/](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/overdimensional/)

Office hours:

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Phone Service - Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Requests for permits will not be honored after 4:15 p.m.**

Generally, non-reducible permits will be issued for a single trip; however, the department may issue annual multiple-trip permits that are valid for one year from the date of issue. Call NDOT at (775) 888-7410 to see if your vehicle and load fall into this category.

### *Single-Trip Permit*

The single-trip permit is valid for one trip in a five day period.

### *Annual (Multiple-Trip) Permit*

The annual permit is good for multiple trips for 12 months from the date issued. The following dimensions are the maximums allowed under this annual permit:

Height: 15 feet (mobile homes, 14 feet)

Width: 14 feet

Length: 110 feet (mobile homes (box), 80 feet)

### *Fees For Non-Reducible Load Permits*

A single-trip permit is \$25 and is valid for one trip in a 5-day period.

An annual multiple-trip permit is \$60 and is valid for 12 months.

*Permit Requirements and Restrictions for  
Non-Reducible Loads*

Permits are required for vehicles and combinations with non-reducible loads that exceed the size and weight limitations listed under “General Size and Weight Restrictions” on page 4. Before a permit is issued, an evaluation is made to determine if a vehicle and its load could cause damage to the highway, could be reduced in size, or could present a hazard to the motoring public.

*Height*

Vehicles and combinations up to 15 feet high (14 feet high for mobile homes) are allowed under single-trip or annual permits.

*Width*

Vehicles and combinations up to 14 feet wide are allowed under single-trip or annual permits.

See also “Routes with Special Width and Length Restrictions” on page 16.

*Length*

Vehicles and combinations longer than 110 feet (80 feet (box) for mobile homes) are allowed on a single-trip basis only.

See also “Routes with Special Width and Length Restrictions” on page 16.

*NOTE:* Special permission may be requested from the Nevada Department of Transportation for loads exceeding the height, width, and length restrictions listed above.

*Weight*

See “Spring-Thaw Route Restrictions” on p.19.

*Overhang*

A permit is required for overhangs in the following cases:

1. The overhang causes a vehicle and its load to exceed 75 feet.
2. The overhang is longer than 10 feet, regardless of the total length of the vehicle and its load.



## Weekend, Holiday, and Nighttime Overdimensional Restrictions

### Single-Trip Permits

A vehicle and its load with a single-trip permit must not exceed the following restrictions:

	Night		*Weekends		Holidays	
	2 or 3 Lanes	4 or More Lanes	2 or 3 Lanes	4 or More Lanes	2 or 3 Lanes	4 or More Lanes
<b>Width</b>	10 ft.	10 ft.	14 ft.	14 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
<b>Height</b>	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.
<b>Length</b>	105 ft.	110 ft.	105 ft.	110 ft.	105 ft.	110 ft.
<b>Overhang</b>	10 ft.	10 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.

\* Weekend travel on I-80 between Sparks (Exit 21) and the California state line, or on I-15 between Las Vegas (Exit 33) and California must meet holiday travel restrictions because of the heavy tourist traffic.



Two Lanes



Three Lanes



Four Lanes

### Annual Permits

A vehicle and its load with an annual multiple-trip permit must not exceed the following restrictions:

	Night		Weekends & Holidays	
	2 or 3 Lanes	4 or More Lanes	2 or 3 Lanes	4 or More Lanes
<b>Width</b>	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
<b>Height</b>	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.
<b>Length</b>	105 ft.	110 ft.	105 ft.	110 ft.
<b>Overhang</b>	10 ft.	10 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.

For more detailed information, see the Helpful Numbers section on page X.

*Pilot Cars*

Nevada requires pilot cars under certain conditions identified in the table below. In general, a pilot car must precede the escorted vehicle on roads of 2 to 3 lanes and follow the vehicle on roads of 4 lanes or more.

Number of Lanes	Width of Load	Or Overhang	Number of Pilot Cars	Placement
2 or 3	12 ft. 1 in. to 14 ft.	Over 25 ft. front	1	Front
2 or 3	14 ft. 1 in. to 16 ft.		2	1 Front; 1 Rear
4 or More	14 ft. 1 in. to 16 ft.	Over 25 ft. rear	1	Rear
4 or More	16 ft. 1 in. to 17 ft.		2	1 Front; 1 Rear



Two Lanes



Three Lanes



Four Lanes

*Special Size Considerations*

Loads *wider than 17 feet* are reviewed on an individual basis.

Loads *higher than 15 feet 6 inches* require a lead pilot car *with a clearance pole* ahead of the escorted vehicle.

A pilot car must follow loads *longer than 105 feet* on a 2 or 3 lane highway and loads *longer than 110 feet* on all highways.

Loads with an *overhang greater than 25 feet in front* of the vehicle require one pilot car ahead of the vehicle.

Loads with an *overhang greater than 25 feet in back* of the vehicle require one pilot car behind the vehicle.

A Nevada Highway Patrol escort is required for loads

*wider than 17 feet* being transported on 2-lane highways, or loads *wider than 19 feet* being transported on 4-lane highways.

### *Routes with Special Width and Length Restrictions*

#### *Width Restrictions*

a) *State Route 28* between U.S. 50 and the Nevada-California state line: Widths up to 10 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. All loads exceeding 8'-6" require pilot cars ahead and behind. Loads wider than 10 feet are not allowed.

b) *U.S. 93* between Boulder Dam and the junction with the Boulder City business route north of Boulder City: Loads wider than 10 feet are not allowed. Most commercial traffic is prohibited from crossing Hoover Dam. For details read "Traffic Restrictions on Hoover Dam" on page 51.



c) *State Route 160* between the junction with State Route 159 (Blue Diamond Road) and the Clark-Nye county line: Loads wider than 8'-6" are not allowed.

d) *State Route 207 (Kingsbury Grade)* between U.S. 50 and SR 206: Loads wider than 8'-6" are not allowed.

e) *State Route 208 (Wilson Canyon Road)* between U.S. 395 and Yerington: Widths up to 12 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. Loads exceeding 8'-6" up to 10 feet in width require a pilot car ahead. Loads wider than 10 feet require a pilot car ahead and behind. Loads wider than 12 feet are not allowed.

f) *State Route 225 (Owyhee Canyon Road)* between Wild Horse Reservoir and the Idaho state line: Widths up to 12 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. Loads wider than 8'-6" require pilot cars ahead and behind. Loads wider than 10 feet require two pilot cars ahead and one behind. Loads wider than 12 feet are not allowed.

g) *State Route 229 (Secret Pass)* between I-80 and U.S. 93: Widths up to 12 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. Loads wider than 8'-6" require pilot cars ahead and behind. Loads wider than 12 feet are not allowed.

h) *State Route 341 (Geiger Grade)* between U.S. 395 and U.S. 50: Widths up to 10 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. Loads wider than 8'-6" require pilot cars ahead and behind. Loads wider than 10 feet are not allowed.

i) *State Route 431 (Mt. Rose Highway)* between Timberline Drive (milepost WA 19.02) and SR 28: Widths up to 10 feet are allowed with the appropriate single-trip permit. Loads wider than 8'-6" require pilot cars ahead and behind. Loads wider than 10 feet are not allowed.

**NOTE!** Special permission may be requested from the Department of Transportation for loads exceeding width restrictions set forth above. Special permission will be limited to loads that must be delivered to destinations on or near the restricted route that cannot be reached using any other highway. If special permission is granted for loads exceeding the above limitations, a single-trip permit and a lead pilot car and pilot cars ahead and behind the load will be required.

Construction work, emergencies, or other circumstances may necessitate additional restrictions on state highways.

### *Length Restrictions*

Operators with reducible-load permits for combinations greater than 70 feet in length may travel on all routes under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Department of Transportation *except* for the following routes:

- a) *State Route 28* between U.S. 50 at Spooner Summit and the California state line.
- b) *U.S. 93* between Hoover Dam and the junction with the Boulder City business route north of Boulder City.
- c) *State Route 208* between Yerington and the junction of U.S. 395.
- d) *State Route 226* between the junction of SR 225 and the north end of SR 226 at Deep Creek.
- e) *State Route 431 (Mt. Rose Highway)* between Timberline Drive (milepost WA 19.02) and State Route 28.



### *Spring-Thaw Route Restrictions*

Roadways are vulnerable to severe damage in some areas of Nevada when warmer temperatures cause frozen roadway materials to thaw. Therefore, Nevada protects these routes by doubling fines for exceeding permitted axle weights. These restrictions are effective from February through April. Maps of these vulnerable routes are available from the Nevada Department of Transportation's Overdimensional Permit Section at (775) 888-7410, or from the NDOT website at: [www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/spring\\_thaw/](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/spring_thaw/)

Fines for violating weight limits on restricted routes are doubled during the February through April freeze-thaw period.





*Permit Example*

## Non-Reducible Overweight, Annual Permit (NDOT)

Phone: (775) 888-7410 NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Permit Number 1391  
1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712  
OVERDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTATION REVOCABLE PERMIT Page 1 of 1

Permit Type: ANNUAL @ \$50 GENERAL CHECK  
Insurance:  
WESTERN NEVADA TRANSPORT  
1725 EAST COMMERCIAL ROW  
RENO, NV 89512

Route: WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA

Over Routes: \*\*UNDER JURISDICTION OF NDOT-DESIGNATED ONLY AS ELIGIBLE FOR GREEN & PURPLE LOADING -WIDTH & HEIGHT NOT APPLICABLE TO STATE ROUTES

Instructions: \*\*OVERHANG MAY NOT EXCEED 25' FRONT AND/OR REAR\*\*NOTE - LOAD MUST BE NON-REDUCIBLE AT ALL TIMES

Travel: From 08/05/2003 Thru 08/05/2004 Authorized: ☐ Weekend ☐ Night ☐ Holiday  
Description of Load: HAUL  
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION, MINING AND FARM EQUIPMENT AND UNLADEN

Dimensions: Width: 14'0" Height: 15'0" Length: 105'0"  
Gross Weight: 168,109 Total Axles: 8 Overhang: Front: LEGAL Rear: LEGAL  
Axle Spacing: 1 13'8" 2 4'6" 3 14'0" 4 4'6" 5 28'11" 6 4'6" 7 13'9" 8  
Wheels: 8 8  
Gauge: 10  
Wgt: 12,500 40,495 50,619 40,495 24,000

Pilot Cars Required: Fore: \*\*REQUIRED ON ALL TWO-LANE ROADS WHEN LOAD EXCEEDS 12' WIDE (FLASHING AMBER LIGHTS REQUIRED ON PILOT CAR)  
Aft:

Transmitted By: PICKUP

S E N D T O	Fax Number: _____	Requested By: TODD _____
	Location: NDOT-CARSON CITY _____	City: CARSON CITY _____ State: NV _____
	Unit: 407 _____	
	Tractor: _____	
	Trailer: _____	

Dated at Carson City, Nevada, on this 08/05/2003  
Nevada Department of Transportation Approved by Permit Agent No: 188  
Jeff Fontaine, Director PERMIT MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID

The undersigned agrees to the conditions and restrictions of this permit.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2004 NEVADA COMMERCIAL VEHICLE HANDBOOK

## CHAPTER I: PERMITS

### *Permit Example*

#### Non-Reducible Oversize, Single-Trip Permit (NDOT)

Phone: (775) 888-7410	NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712 OVERDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTATION REVOCABLE PERMIT	Permit Number 1059 Page 1 of 1
Permit Type: TRIP - 5 DAY @ \$25      GENERAL		BILLING
Insurance: WESTERN NEVADA TRANSPORT 1725 EAST COMMERCIAL ROW RENO, NV 89512		
Route: FROM PLEASANT VALLEY, NV - PAGNI LANE TO GARDNERVILLE, NV - LANGLEY LANE Over Routes: US 395, SR 88		
Instructions:		
Travel: From 07/31/2003 Thru 08/04/2003    Authorized: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday		
Description of Load:      HAUL 750 ROTOMILL		
Dimensions: Width: <u>10'0"</u> Height: <u>15'0"</u> Length: <u>95'0"</u>		
Gross Weight: <u>164,685</u> Total Axles: <u>8</u> Overhang: Front: <u>LEGAL</u> Rear: <u>LEGAL</u>		
Axle Spacing: 1 <u>13'8"</u> 2 <u>4'6"</u> 3 <u>13'9"</u> 4 <u>4'6"</u> 5 <u>31'0"</u> 6 <u>4'6"</u> 7 <u>14'0"</u> 8		
Wheels:		
Gauge:		
Wgt:    19,200      40,495      40,495      40,495      24,000		
Pilot Cars Required:    Fore:		
Aft:		

Transmitted By: AGREEMENT

S	Fax Number: <u>(775) 786-7114</u>	Requested By: <u>TODD</u>
E	Location: <u>WESTERN NEVADA TRANSPORT</u>	City: <u>RENO</u> State: <u>NV</u>
N	Unit: <u>701</u>	
D	Tractor: _____	
T	Trailer: _____	
O		

Dated at Carson City, Nevada, on this    08/05/2003	
Nevada Department of Transportation	Approved by Permit Agent No:    188
Jeff Fontaine, Director	
PERMIT MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID	
The undersigned agrees to the conditions and restrictions of this permit.	
Signed _____	Date _____

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## Permit Example

## Reducible Load, Annual (Multiple-Trip) Permit (DMV)

State of Nevada  
Department of Motor Vehicles  
Compliance Enforcement Division  
Motor Carrier Section  
555 Wright Way  
Carson City, Nevada 89711-0600  
(775) 684-4711, Ext. 1

### APPLICATION FOR / AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REVOCABLE PERMIT

RETURN ALL COPIES

PERMIT NUMBER

~~70-105 FEET COMBINATION~~  
Vehicle Combinations Exceeding 70 feet in length

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The (owner)-operator does hereby certify that he proposes to operate the combination of vehicles hereinafter described on State Highway Route(s) as designated ROUTES WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA

or all non-restricted routes under the jurisdiction of NDOT.

The public liability and property damage insurance required by paragraph 28 of the regulations is evidenced by policy No. 16-16161  
currently in force and issued by PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO Company and expiring NOVEMBER 30, 2004

MAIL TO: (Print company name and mailing address below)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: (If different from mailing address)

BE-BOP VILLAGE TRUCKING  
16 CANDLES ST  
LAS VEGAS NV 89511

FEIN/SSN 88-6030111  
BE-BOP TRUCKING  
PO BOX 2000  
LAS VEGAS NV 89511

Phone No. 702-555-1212

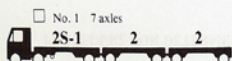
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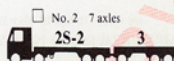
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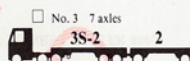
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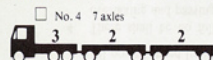
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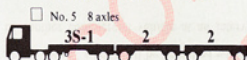
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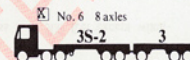
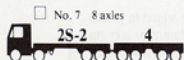
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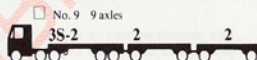
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(FOR PROCEDURE IN DETERMINING GROSS WEIGHT SEE THE BACK)

I certify that in connection with such proposed operation of combination of vehicles that (1) the combination of vehicles is a combination permitted by the regulations; (2) that each component vehicle thereof is equipped with the minimum mechanical and safety equipment specified by the regulations; (3) that said mechanical and safety equipment is in operable condition; and (4) that the described combination of vehicles will be operated by a qualified person or persons possessing the minimum qualifications set forth in such regulations.

Motor Carrier No. 99999

By

Ms. Be-Bop, Manager  
Signature Title

APPLICANT PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Max. gross weight permitted 123,500 lbs.Approved by [Signature] Permit Agent

## TO BE FILLED IN BY DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Gross weight permitted 123,500 lbs.

Process fee if weight does not exceed 80,000 lbs.—\$10.00

Weight in excess of 80,000 lbs. 43,500Excess weight fee—\$60.00 per 1,000 lbs. \$ 2,640.00This permit effective JANUARY 1, 2004To DECEMBER 31, 2004

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## Hazardous-Materials Permits

The Nevada Highway Patrol administers Nevada's hazardous-materials permit program. Hazardous materials in transportation are defined in Title 49, Part 172 of the Code of Federal Regulations (see <http://www.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html>). Placarding of hazardous materials is also covered under these regulations. Call the NHP at (775) 684-4622 for more information.

### *Single-Trip Hazardous-Materials Permit*

Nevada has a 72-hour hazardous-materials single-trip permit. Only one permit per 90 days per company is allowed. The Nevada Highway Patrol has contracted with Comdata, a company that offers various services to the trucking industry, to sell these special permits. They cost \$125, plus a Comdata fee. Call Comdata at 800-749-6058 to obtain the permit. The company can be contacted 24 hours a day.

### *Annual Hazardous-Materials Permit, under the Uniform Program*

Nevada is one of seven states participating in the Uniform State Hazardous Materials Registration and Permitting Program. The other member states are Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma and West Virginia. Under this program, these states use uniform procedures and application forms for registration and permitting of hazardous-materials transportation.

Carriers need to contact their base state to register and apply for the annual credential. After a carrier has registered and paid its fees, the base state will issue a credential that will be honored by each member state in the program. If a carrier's base state is not in the program, the carrier must register in the member state where it records the largest percent of its total miles traveled. That state then becomes the carrier's designated base state for the program.

The uniform registration and permitting application shall be completed by all motor carriers who:

1. Operate in any of the states that participate in the program, and
2. Transport materials of a type and amount that requires the vehicle (truck or trailer) to be placarded, including:
  - a. hazardous waste subject to the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest,
  - b. hazardous substances or marine pollutants transported in bulk packaging, or
  - c. low-level radioactive waste.

Annual hazardous-materials permits under this program vary in cost.

### ***PARTICIPATING STATES***

STATE	ADMINISTERING AGENCY	UNIFORM PROGRAM LEVEL
Illinois	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Land Pollution Control 1021 North Grand Avenue East Springfield, IL 62702 Phone: (217) 785-8604 FAX : (217) 782-9290	Part II for Hazardous Waste
Michigan	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 30657 Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: (734) 432-1256 FAX: (734) 432-1277	Part II for Hazardous Waste

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Minnesota	Minnesota Department of Transportation Administrative Truck Center 1110 Centre Point Curve Mendota Heights, MN 55118 Phone: (651) 405-6060 Fax: (651) 405-6100	Part II for Hazardous Materials Part III for Hazardous Waste
Nevada	Nevada Highway Patrol Permit Section 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711-0525 Phone: (775) 684-4622 FAX: (775) 684-4649	Part II for Hazardous Material/Waste Part III for Radioactive Waste
Ohio	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Fiscal Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 Phone: (614) 466-3392 Fax: (614) 728-9292	Part II for Hazardous Material Part III for Hazardous Waste
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Corporation Commission Transportation Division P.O. Box 52000 2101 North Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2000 Phone: (405) 522-5287 FAX: (405) 521-2916	Part II for Hazardous Waste
West Virginia	Public Service Commission of West Virginia Motor Carrier Section 201 Brooks Street P.O. Box 812 Charleston, WV 25323 Phone: (304) 340-0456 FAX: (304) 340-0394	Part II for All Materials/Waste



### Flashing Amber-Light Permits

Operators of flashing amber lights are required to obtain a permit to use these lights while driving in Nevada. Permits can be obtained for individual vehicles. For large fleets, blanket permits are available. Permits are valid from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.

To apply for an amber-light permit, contact the following:

Nevada Highway Patrol  
Permit Section  
555 Wright Way  
Carson City, NV 89711  
Phone: (775) 684-4622  
Fax: (775) 684-4649



## CHAPTER II: NEVADA MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PROGRAM

### Commercial Motor Vehicle Definition

Commercial motor vehicles are subject to state and federal safety regulations. A *commercial motor vehicle* means a vehicle used to transport passengers or property, and meets one or more of the following conditions:

- If used in *interstate* commerce:
  - The vehicle or combination has a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.
  - The vehicle is designed or used to carry 9 or more passengers (including the driver) for compensation.
  - The vehicle transports hazardous materials required to be placarded.
- If used only in *intrastate* commerce:
  - The vehicle or combination has a declared gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds.
  - The vehicle transports hazardous materials required to be placarded.
  - The vehicle is designed or used to carry 16 or more passengers (including the driver), whether or not compensation is provided.

*Note:* If unsure whether *intrastate* or *interstate*, call the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at (775) 687-5335.

### Goal

The overall goal of the Nevada Motor Carrier Safety Program is a reduction in Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic accidents and related fatalities, injuries, and property damage. This includes incidents and accidents associated with the highway transportation of hazardous materials.

### Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP)

Nevada's lead agency for commercial motor vehicle safety is the NHP. The NHP has three regions: Reno, Elko

and Las Vegas. The headquarters office is in Carson City. Phone numbers are listed below.

Reno	(775) 688-2500
Elko	(775) 753-1111
Las Vegas	(702) 486-4100
Headquarters (Carson City)	(775) 687-5300

## Commercial Vehicle Inspections

Vehicles may be selected for roadside inspection based on observance of their safety condition or by a computerized system that utilizes Inspection Selection System (ISS) software. NHP personnel typically check vehicles and their drivers for compliance with federal and state motor-carrier safety regulations. They also check shipping papers, hazardous materials, and other cargoes as appropriate. (See Chapter IV: Operating Credentials, for information on dyed-fuel enforcement and emission control.)

In addition, Nevada conducts commercial inspections on drivers and vehicles in conjunction with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) out-of-service criteria. The NHP may place a CVSA decal on units of a vehicle that pass the safety equipment inspection without serious defect, and may waive the inspection of vehicles displaying current inspection decals issued by other CVSA member jurisdictions (See [www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org)).

An out-of-service sticker may be affixed to vehicle units placed out of service if major defects are detected. A Nevada Driver-Vehicle Inspection Report will be completed for each driver and vehicle inspection. A copy of the report will be provided to the driver after each inspection.

The NHP is trained to perform North American Standard Level I through Level VI inspections. Below is a description of these inspection levels and what you might expect during an inspection.

*Level I (North American Standard Inspection)*  
An inspection that includes examination of

driver's license, medical examiner's certificate and waiver (if applicable), alcohol and drugs, hours of service, vehicle mechanisms and parts, vehicle inspection report, annual vehicle inspection, coupling devices, lamps on projecting loads, safe loading, van and open-top trailer bodies, emergency exits on buses and hazardous-materials requirements, as applicable.

*Level II (Walk-Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection)*

An examination that includes all of the items specified under the Level I inspection that can be inspected without physically getting under the vehicle.

*Level III (Driver-Only Inspection)*

A roadside examination of the driver's license, medical certification and waiver (if applicable), hours of service, seat belt, vehicle inspection report, and hazardous-materials requirements, as applicable.

*Level IV (Special Inspections)*

Inspections under this heading typically include a one-time examination of a particular item. These examinations are normally made in support of a study or to verify or refute a suspected trend.

*Level V (Vehicle-Only Inspections)*

An inspection that includes each of the vehicle inspection items specified under the Level I inspection, without a driver present, usually conducted at the motor carrier terminal.

*Level VI (Radioactive-Load Inspection)*

An example for radioactive shipments that includes the items specified under the level I inspection, with more strict requirements for corrective strategies.

Be advised that most safety stops will include a verification of registration and insurance documents.

## Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's primary mission is to prevent commercial motor vehicle related fatalities and injuries. Administration activities contribute to ensuring safety in motor carrier operations through strong enforcement of safety regulations, targeting high-risk carriers and commercial drivers, and increasing safety awareness.

### *Security and Safety Sensitivity Program*

The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, require the trucking community to increase efforts to ensure the safe, secure, and efficient movement of people and goods across the United States. A major concern is that terrorists could use hazardous materials in the transportation system as a weapon.

In response, the FMCSA has initiated the Security and Safety Sensitivity Program. Its purpose is to heighten the awareness level of all in the trucking community to be alert for any suspicious behaviors that could threaten the security and safety of truckers and every individual in our country. To report any questionable activity, immediately call 3-1-1 or 9-1-1.

### *Contacting the FMCSA*

Division offices can provide assistance with questions regarding federal motor-carrier safety regulations, hazardous-materials regulations and registration, and household goods consumer information. Nevada's division office :

705 North Plaza Street, Suite 220  
Carson City, Nevada 89701  
(775) 687-5335  
(775) 687-3803 fax

Hotline: The FMCSA provides a toll-free hotline for reporting dangerous safety violations involving a commercial truck or bus: 1-888-DOT-SAFT (1-888-368-7238) for more information, check the FMCSA web page at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).



## Weather Conditions

Weather conditions in Nevada are unpredictable and subject to change without warning, especially when crossing mountain summits. Although not required, it is advisable to be prepared for the worst and carry chains at all times, especially during winter months.

NDOT uses a sophisticated road-weather information system to accurately report the latest conditions of Nevada highways. You can access this information by calling 1-877-NVROADS (1-877-687-6237) or logging onto [www.nevadadot.com/traveler/rwis](http://www.nevadadot.com/traveler/rwis).



## New Hours-of-Service Rules

HOURS-OF-SERVICE RULES	
Old Hours-of-Service Rules All CMV Drivers	New Hours-of-Service Rules Property-Carrying CMV Drivers
CMV driver may drive 10 hours after 8 hours off-duty.	CMV driver may drive 11 hours after 10 hours off-duty.
CMV driver may not drive after 15 hours on-duty, following 8 hours off-duty.	CMV driver may not drive beyond the 14th hour after coming on-duty, following 10 hours off-duty.
CMV driver may not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days.	CMV driver may not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days. ▶ A driver may restart a 7/8 consecutive day period after taking 34 or more consecutive hours off-duty.
Compliance Required Through January 3, 2004	Compliance Required On & After January 4, 2004
Passenger-carrying carriers/drivers are not subject to the new hours-of-service rules. These operations must continue to comply with the "old" hours-of-service limitations specified in 49 CFR § 395.5.	

### 16-Hour Exception For Property-Carrying Drivers

Drivers may extend the 14-hour on-duty period by 2 additional hours IF THEY:

- Are released from duty at the normal work reporting location for the previous 5 duty tours, **AND**
- Return to the normal work reporting location and are released from duty within 16 hours, **AND**
- Have not used this exception in the previous 7 days, except following a 34-hour restart of a 7/8 day period.

**Total hours driving may not exceed 11 hours.**



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)





## CHAPTER III: COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

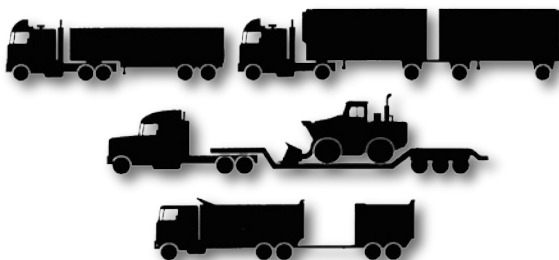
You must acquire a commercial driver's license (CDL) from the Department of Motor Vehicles to drive a commercial vehicle. Nevada and all states have the same minimum licensing standards. Only those drivers with professional knowledge, skills and abilities will be licensed.

### CDL Classifications, Endorsements, Restrictions, and Exemptions

Three classes of commercial driver licenses are available. These licenses come with specific endorsements and restrictions. Also, some vehicles are exempt from CDL requirements.

#### *Classifications*

**Class "A"** Any combination of motor vehicles with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the vehicle being towed has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) exceeding 10,000 pounds.

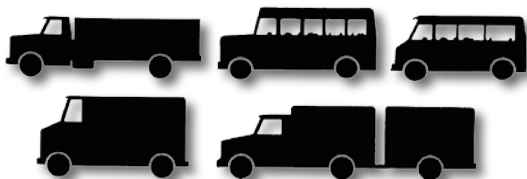


**Class "B"** Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not exceeding 10,000 pounds.



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**Class “C”** Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B, but that either is designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver) or is placarded for hazardous materials.



*NOTE:* A CDL of any class allows you to drive your personal vehicle. You won't need any other license!

### *Endorsements*

You may need the following CDL endorsements:

- Double/Triple Trailers
- Passengers
- Tankers
- Hazardous Materials
- Hazardous Materials and Tankers

### *Restrictions*

The following CDL restrictions may apply:

- May not operate a vehicle equipped with air brakes
- Towing forklift only
- Transport passengers only in Class B or C vehicle or only in Class C vehicle
- Tow-truck only
- Automatic transmission only
- Intrastate only

### *Exemptions*

You do not need a CDL to operate some vehicles that may fall within the GVWR descriptions. The following are exempt from Nevada CDL requirements:

- Recreational-vehicle drivers using their RV's for non-commercial purposes
- Personnel driving vehicles for military purposes
- Firefighters operating emergency equipment
- Farmers transporting equipment, supplies, or products to or from a farm as long as the vehicle is:
  - Controlled and operated by a farmer, his or her family members or employees.
  - Used within 150 miles of the farm.
  - Not being used as a common or contract motor carrier.
  - Not transporting placarded amounts of hazardous material.

## CDL Qualifications

As part of the CDL program you need to meet certain qualifications regarding age, physical condition, and driving record.

### *Legal Age Requirements*

You must be at least 21 years of age to obtain a CDL to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, and 25 years of age or older to drive an overlength combination vehicle (greater than 70 feet). Applicants between 18 to 20 years of age may be granted a CDL to operate a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce. However, 18-to-20-year-olds will not be granted the privilege to transport passengers for hire or transport hazardous materials requiring placards.

*NOTE:* Like anyone applying for a Nevada driver's license, you will be asked to provide proof of your identity, your age, and your Social Security number. You will also be given a vision test. Please refer to the Nevada Driver's Handbook or your local DMV office for more information.

### *Medical Examination Requirements*

You must be physically examined by a U.S. licensed physician every two years. The doctor will give you a

medical report that must be on a form approved by the DMV. The medical form has to be submitted with your CDL application. Your doctor will also fill out and sign a medical certificate for you to carry with your CDL. You can be cited by law enforcement if you drive commercially with an outdated medical certificate, or if you do not have a current one with you. Your medical form must be filed with the DMV every two years.

### *Driving Record Requirements*

When you apply for your CDL you will be asked to:

- Certify that you do not have a driver license from more than one state.
- Certify that your driver's license is not currently suspended, revoked or canceled in any state, nor subject to any of these actions.
- Surrender your current driver's license.
- Provide proof of your Social Security number.

**Before issuing your license, CDL staff will run a nationwide driving-record check.**

### **CDL Renewal**

If you are renewing your commercial license you will need to:

- Provide evidence of a current physical examination (long form) dated within the previous two years.
- Pass the Nevada general knowledge test and any other tests required if you have been convicted of two or more moving violations in a commercial motor vehicle, or three or more moving violations in a non-commercial motor carrier within the previous four years. Skills testing may also be required as a result of moving violations.
- If you have a hazardous materials endorsement you must also pass the hazardous materials knowledge test if you wish to keep the endorsement on your CDL.
- Pay the renewal fee of \$56.25 for the knowledge test and \$86.25 if the driving skills test is required.

## CDL Instruction Permit

A Nevada commercial instruction permit is issued for a one-year period. It is issued for the purpose of behind-the-wheel training on public roads or highways. Applicants for an *interstate* commercial instruction permit must be at least 21 years of age, and pass the vision and written examinations. Applicants between 18 and 20 years of age may be granted a CDL instruction permit to operate a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce. However, this age group will not be allowed to transport hazardous materials requiring placards or passengers for hire.

The holder of an instruction permit must have a medical examiner's certificate in possession dated within two years, and must be accompanied at all times by a driver who is:

- At least 25 years of age
- Seated next to the driver
- Licensed for the same commercial classification as the permit holder, and who has had the license for at least one year.

## CDL Transfer

If you have a valid CDL from another state and want to transfer your license to Nevada, you need to do the following:

- Complete a Nevada CDL application within 30 days of becoming a resident.
- Provide a copy of your medical examination.
- Certify you have only one license and that your license is not currently revoked, suspended or canceled in any state, nor subject to any of these actions.
- Provide proof of Social Security number.

**NOTE:** Hazardous-materials endorsements may have to be recertified. Check with the CDL examiner.

## CDL Upgrades

If you have to change the class or endorsements on your CDL, you need to do the following:

- Complete the new CDL application.
- Pass the knowledge and skills tests that apply.

## CDL Fees

The following fees will be charged for CDL testing and licensing:

• Original or transfer that requires knowledge and skills tests	\$86.25
• Original or transfer that requires knowledge tests only	\$56.25
• Duplicate	\$21.25
• Change of information (other than address)	\$11.25
• Added endorsement	\$16.25
• Renewal that requires knowledge tests only	\$56.25
• Renewal that requires knowledge and skills test	\$86.25
• Re-instatement (depending on offense)	\$56.25 or \$86.25
• Instruction Permit	\$56.25
• Drive test (to add or remove a restriction or endorsement)	\$32.25
• Victim's Fee (if convicted of driving under the influence)	\$35.00

*NOTE:* An additional charge of \$3.00 for written tests and \$25.00 for drive tests will be added if repeated more than twice.

## Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Laws

Drinking alcohol or using controlled substances when you are driving a commercial vehicle is against the law (See NRS 484.379). Penalties include:

- For any detectable blood alcohol concentration less than 0.04, you will be put out of service for 24 hours.
- For a BAC of 0.04 or more, you will lose your CDL for one year for a first offense; if hauling hazardous materials you will lose it for three years. You will lose your CDL for life for a second offense.



## Office Locations

For CDL application and testing please contact the Field Services Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles at the following locations:

### *Applications and Knowledge (Written) and Skills Tests*

4110 Donovan Way  
North Las Vegas, Nevada  
89030  
(702) 486-5655

3505 Construction Way  
Winnemucca, Nevada  
89445  
(775) 623-6515

P.O. Box 1912  
400 Howerton Hill  
Tonopah, Nevada 89049  
(775) 482-6329

810 East Greg Street  
Sparks, Nevada 89431  
(775) 688-2535

3290 East Idaho Street  
Elko, Nevada  
89801  
(775) 753-1166

555 Wright Way  
Carson City, Nevada  
89711  
(775) 684-4861

178 North Avenue F  
Ely, Nevada 89301  
(775) 289-1605

### *Applications and Knowledge (Written) Tests*

973 West Williams Street  
Fallon, Nevada 89406  
(775) 423-4316

215 West Bridge Street  
Yerington, Nevada 89447  
(775) 463-3146

1694 County Road  
Minden, Nevada 89423  
(775) 782-0200



## Commercial Driver's License Tests

### *Knowledge (Written) Tests*

You will have to take one or more knowledge tests depending on what class of license and what endorsements you need. The CDL knowledge tests include:

- The general knowledge test, taken by all applicants.
- The passenger transport test, taken by all bus driver applicants.
- The air brakes test, which you must take if your vehicle has air brakes.
- The combination-vehicles test, which is required if you want to drive combination vehicles.
- The hazardous-materials test, which is required if you want to haul hazardous materials or waste in amounts which require placarding.
- The tanker test, which is required if you want to haul liquids in bulk.
- The doubles/triples test, which is required if you want to pull double or triple trailers.

### *Skills Tests*

If you pass the required knowledge test(s), you can take the CDL skills tests. There are three types of general skills that will be tested: pre-trip inspection, basic vehicle control, and on-road driving. You must take these tests in the type of vehicle for which you wish to be licensed.

#### *Pre-trip Vehicle Inspection:*

You will be tested to see if you know whether your vehicle is safe to drive. You may be asked to do a pre-trip inspection on your vehicle and explain to the examiner what you would inspect and why.

*Basic Vehicle Control:*

You will be tested on your skill to control the vehicle. You will be asked to move your vehicle forward, backward, and turn it within a defined area. These areas may be marked with traffic lanes, cones, barriers or something similar. The examiner will tell you how each control test is to be done.

*On-road Test:*

You will be tested on your skill to safely drive your vehicle in a variety of traffic situations. The situations may include left and right turns, intersections, railway crossings, curves, up and down grades, single or multi-lane roads, streets, or highways. The examiner will tell you where to drive.

**Other CDL Rules**

There are other federal and state rules that affect drivers operating commercial motor vehicles in all states.

- You cannot have more than one license. If you break this rule, a court may fine you up to \$5,000 or put you in jail. Keep your home state license and return any others.
- You must notify your employer within 30 days of conviction for any traffic violations (except parking). This is true no matter what type of vehicle you were driving.
- You must notify your employer if your license is suspended, revoked, or canceled, or if you are disqualified from driving.
- You must give your employer information on all driving jobs you have held for the past 10 years. You must do this when you apply for a commercial driving job.
- No one can drive a commercial vehicle without a CDL. A court may fine you up to \$5,000 or put you in jail for breaking this rule.

- Your employer may not let you drive a commercial motor vehicle if you have more than one license or if your CDL is suspended or revoked. A court may fine the employer up to \$5,000 or put him or her in jail for breaking this rule.
- All states are connected to one computerized system to share information about CDL drivers. The states will check on drivers' accident records and be sure that drivers don't get more than one CDL.
- You will lose your CDL for at least one year for a first offense:
  - If you leave the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle you were driving.
  - For operating a commercial motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance.
  - If you use a commercial motor vehicle to commit a felony.
- If the offense occurs while you are operating a commercial motor vehicle that is placarded for hazardous materials, you will lose your CDL for at least three years. You will lose your CDL for life for a second offense. You will also lose your CDL for life if you use a commercial motor vehicle to commit a felony involving controlled substances.
- As of October 2002, Nevada has instituted new regulations concerning railroad/highway crossings. Any violation of these new regulations will disqualify you as a Commercial Vehicle Operator. These violations include the following:
  - Failure to follow posted crossing restrictions.
  - Failure to obey a traffic-control device or enforcement official.
  - Not slowing to check that tracks are clear even if you are not required to stop at crossings.
  - Failure to stop before reaching a crossing if tracks are not clear.
  - For drivers required to stop at all crossings, not stopping as required.
  - Stopping where vehicle will obstruct railroad tracks.

- Failure to cross a railway intersection because of insufficient undercarriage clearance.

One violation will disqualify you as a Commercial Vehicle Operator for at least 60 days. A second violation in three years will disqualify you for 120 days, and a third violation in any three year period will disqualify you for a year.

### *Serious Traffic Violations*

You will lose your CDL:

- For at least 60 days if you have committed two serious traffic violations within a three-year period involving a CMV.
- For at least 120 days for three serious traffic violations within a three-year period.

Serious traffic violations are excessive speeding (15 mph or more above the posted limit), reckless driving, improper or erratic lane changes, following a vehicle too closely, and traffic offenses committed in a commercial motor vehicle in connection with fatal traffic accidents.

### *Disqualifications*

It is illegal to operate a commercial motor vehicle if your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is 0.04% or more. You will lose your CDL for one year for your first offense. You will lose it for life for your second offense. If your blood alcohol concentration is less than 0.04% but you have any detectable amount, you will be put out-of-service for 24 hours.

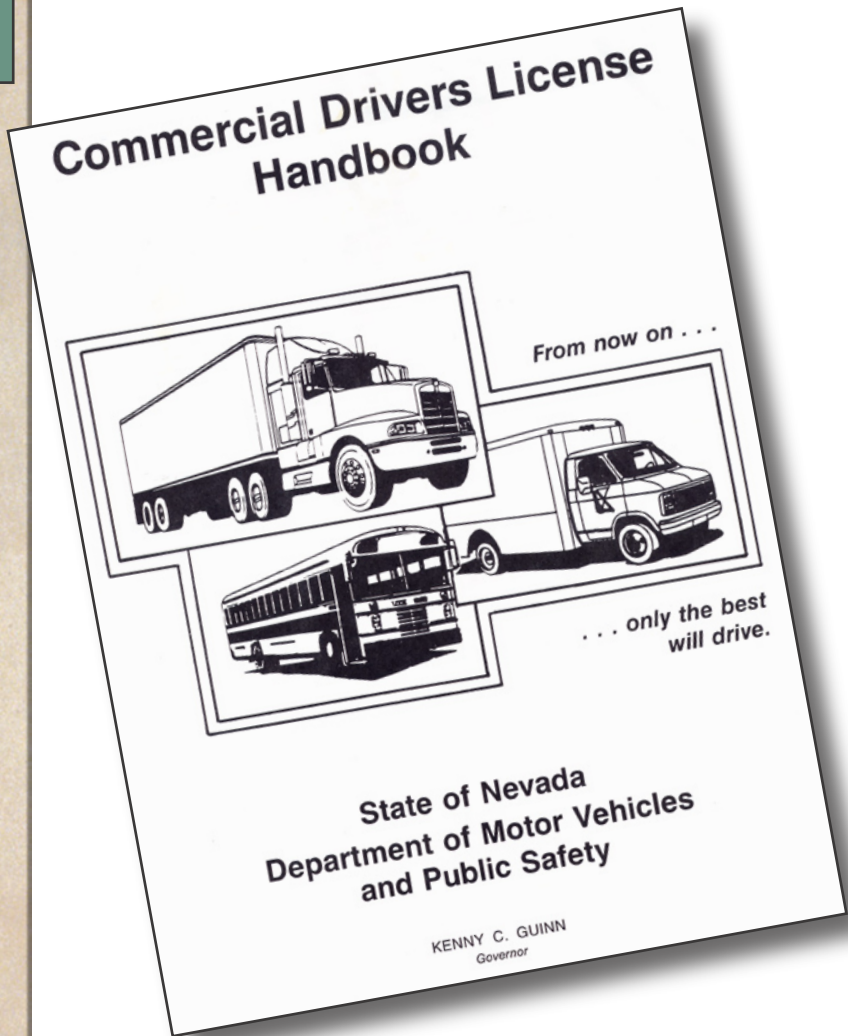
### *Implied Consent*

If you operate a commercial motor vehicle you cannot refuse alcohol or drug testing for the above-mentioned violations.

Following these rules will ensure highway safety for you and for all highway users. More information is contained



in the Commercial Driver's License Handbook which is available at all DMV Field Services Division offices, and on the internet at: [www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/dlbookcomm.pdf](http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/dlbookcomm.pdf).



## CHAPTER IV: OPERATING CREDENTIALS

Operating credentials can be divided into three categories:

- 1) Credentials Required at All Times
- 2) Additional Credentials Required at Registration
- 3) Special Credentials That May Be Required

### Credentials Required at All Times

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) (See Chapter III: Commercial Driver's License.)
- Vehicle Registration (Cab Card)
- Proof of Vehicle Insurance
- Special-Fuel Tax License (IFTA or Nevada-only)
- *Interstate Operating Authority*
  - U.S. Department of Transportation Identification Number
  - Motor Carrier Number (old ICC number)

### *Vehicle Registration (Cab Card)*

All vehicles traveling in Nevada must be registered each year. However, truckers who plan little travel in Nevada may choose to obtain a trip permit instead of annual registration. (See Temporary Trip Permits in Chapter 1.)

Nevada's registration fee is based on declared gross vehicle weight (DGWV). Because there are fines for traveling overweight, truckers should declare the maximum weight at which they expect to operate when registering.



## REGISTRATION FEE TABLE

Truck or tractor (DGWV):	
10,001 to 26,000 lbs.	\$12.00 for each 1,000 lbs.
26,001 to 80,000 lbs.	\$17.00 for each 1,000 lbs.
Trailers (empty weight):	
0 to 1,000 lbs.	\$12.00
1,000 lbs. or more	\$24.00

*Prorate (Apportioned) Registration*

Interstate truckers pay Nevada's registration fee based on miles traveled in Nevada. The percentage of miles traveled in Nevada during the year is multiplied by Nevada's registration fee. This is called prorate, or apportioned, registration.

You can apportion your travel in Nevada or other states through the International Registration Plan (IRP). Your fees are charged according to the mileage percentage traveled in each state and the fee structure in those states. If you are apportioning travel in other states, we recommend that you contact each state to verify their requirements.

Nevada registers on a calendar-year basis. Fees are reduced for *interstate* truckers who register after January. We reduce the fees by one-twelfth for each month that has passed.

*Governmental Services Tax (Formerly Privilege Tax)*

The Governmental Services Tax - 1.4 percent of each vehicle's depreciated value - must be paid at the time of registration. As with registration fees, this tax is apportioned based on the percent of miles traveled in Nevada.

## *Proof of Vehicle Insurance*

### *General Liability Insurance*

An operator must have a copy of the Nevada Evidence of Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance card issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in Nevada. The card must show the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or the words “Fleet Insured,” and the registrant’s name.

### *Cargo Insurance*

Each motor carrier who is hauling cargo for hire shall maintain insurance to compensate for loss of, or damage to, property for the minimum amount of \$5,000. For more details please contact the Transportation Services Authority at (702) 486-3303 or (775) 688-2823.

## *Special-Fuel Tax License*

A Special-Fuel User’s License is required for operators of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds. An IFTA license and IFTA decals are required for *interstate* vehicles; *intrastate* vehicles need a Nevada license but no decals.

The following are exempt:

- Operators who make occasional trips into Nevada for service, repair, and nonprofit or charitable purposes.
- Operators of house coaches and unladen vehicles purchased within Nevada for transport out of the state.

For more details about, or applications for, special-fuel user’s licenses, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 Ext. 1, the DMV website at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com), or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

*International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)*

IFTA is an agreement among states to simplify the reporting of fuel taxes by *interstate* motor carriers. A carrier only needs to open an IFTA fuel tax account with its base state, and the account is good in all states. Also, the carrier enrolls vehicles as a fleet, instead of enrolling individual vehicles.

IFTA covers operations of *interstate* commercial vehicles and combinations which:

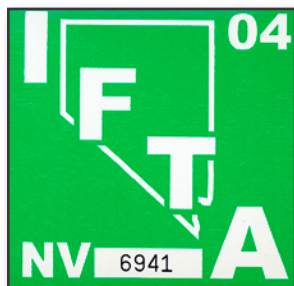
- Have two axles and a registered gross vehicle weight more than 26,000 pounds.
- Have three or more axles regardless of weight.
- Are used in combination when the weight of the combination exceeds 26,000 lbs.

*Licensing Under Nevada IFTA*

You may license your vehicles through Nevada if:

- You are a Nevada-based *interstate* motor carrier.
- You keep operational control and records for your vehicles in Nevada or can make your records available.
- You operate IFTA-qualified motor vehicles. These do not include recreational vehicles.

When a carrier's application with IFTA has been approved, the base state assigns the fleet an account number and issues the carrier an IFTA license. A copy of the license is to be carried in the cab of each vehicle in the fleet and serves as the IFTA cab card. The base state also issues an external fuel decal. The IFTA decal is reissued annually. Each vehicle is required to display one IFTA decal on each side of the power unit.





For more details about or applications for an IFTA license, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 ext. 2, the DMV web site at [www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html](http://www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html), or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

## *Interstate Operating Authority*

### *U.S. DOT Number*

Interstate commercial motor vehicles are required to have a U.S. Department of Transportation identification number. The number gives the motor carrier the authority to operate in *interstate* commerce.

The carrier applies for the number through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The number is for more than just identification. The information entered on the application is used to track safety performance, to assess nationwide safety trends, and to evaluate effectiveness of federal motor-carrier programs.

### *Motor Carrier Number (old I.C.C. number)*

With the closing of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) in January 1996, the licensing and insurance responsibilities were transferred to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Only for-hire motor carriers who wish to operate in interstate commerce are required to have a motor-carrier number along with the U.S. DOT number.

### *Contacts*

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) division office in Nevada can provide assistance with applications for required U.S. DOT and motor carrier numbers. Contact the FMCSA at:

Federal Motor Carrier Administration  
705 North Plaza St., Suite 220  
Carson City, Nevada 89701  
(775) 687-5335  
(775) 687-3803 fax  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)

For further information or for the status of your application or authority, please contact the FMCSA office at (202) 358-7028 or 7029. You may also visit additional web pages at <http://fhwa-li.volpe.dot.gov>.

## **Additional Credentials Required at Registration**

- Proof of Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) payment to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS Form 2290)
- Proof of vehicle ownership

### ***Heavy-Vehicle Use Tax***

Federal law requires owners of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more to produce proof of payment of the Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax before issuance of registration plates or renewal stickers. Federal, state, and local government vehicles are exempt from this law.

For more information, call your local Internal Revenue Service office.

### ***Proof of Vehicle Ownership***

Either a bill of sale or title must accompany the driver, regardless of whether the driver is the owner or not.

## **Special Credentials That May Be Required**

- Hazardous-Materials Permit\*
- Trip Permit(s)\*
  - Temporary Registration
  - Temporary Special-Fuel Use
- Oversize and Overweight Permits
  - Reducible-Load Permit\*
  - Non-Reducible-Load Permit\*
- Flashing Amber-Light Permit\*
- Operating Authority
  - Transportation Services Authority (TSA)
  - Written Authorization from DMV

\*See Chapter I: Permits, for more information.

## *Intrastate Operating Authority*

### *Transportation Services Authority (TSA)*

Nevada requires operating authority for certain *intrastate* carriers. The Transportation Services Authority (TSA) administers and enforces state laws pertaining to the following situations:

- For-hire *intrastate* operators of any motor vehicle transporting passengers
- Carriers of household goods
- Tow-car operators

For more information, contact the following offices or website:

Transportation Services Authority  
2290 South Jones Blvd., Suite 110  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
(702) 486-3303

Northern Nevada Field Office (Sparks, NV)  
(775) 688-2833.

[www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/](http://www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/)

### *Written Authorization from DMV*

*Intrastate* operators of any motor vehicle transporting property for hire must secure written authorization from the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division of DMV. For information, call (775) 684-4711, access the DMV website at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com), or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

## Other Important Information

### *Dyed-Fuel Enforcement*

Fuel intended for non-highway use, including that for farm and mining equipment, is dyed red to indicate that it is exempt from state and federal taxes. Except where expressly permitted under Nevada law, it is illegal to use dyed fuel on the highway, and thus avoid paying these taxes.

The Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) and the Compliance Enforcement Division Heavy Duty Diesel Enforcement Officers are empowered to stop and inspect motor carriers who are using or transporting special fuel to determine if all taxes have been paid. Violators will be fined according to Nevada law.

For more details about Nevada's dyed fuel laws and fines, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 Ext. 2, the Compliance Enforcement Division Heavy Duty Diesel Enforcement section at (775) 684-3562 (northern Nevada) or (702) 486-8626 (southern Nevada), the DMV website at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com), or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

### *Traffic Restrictions on Hoover Dam*

Currently all Commercial Motor Vehicles are prohibited from traveling on U.S. 93 across Hoover Dam with the following exceptions:

- Vehicles used by local businesses operating within 75 miles of Hoover Dam who meet a specific set of requirements and have a special permit. These vehicles will only be allowed to cross during daylight hours.
- Commercial passenger buses **not carrying luggage**. Buses will be searched before being allowed to cross.

Be aware that a vehicle may not be allowed to proceed should an officer consider the vehicle to be a threat, regardless of whether it meets any of the above conditions.

All other commercial traffic should use Highway 95 through Laughlin, Nevada. For more information contact the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation at (702) 293-8421 or check the Hoover Dam Traffic Information

page at [www.usbr.gov/lc/hoooverdam/](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hoooverdam/). Check the restrictions often, as special circumstances may cause them to change temporarily.

### *Vehicle Identification*

All *interstate* vehicles, and *intrastate* vehicles more than 10,000 pounds, must have proper identification and must have the operator's name firmly attached to each side of the power unit. Any removable sign or placard borne by an *interstate* carrier must be made of a durable material and must be readily legible from a distance of 50 feet.

*Interstate* motor carriers must display their U.S. DOT identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

### *Emission Control*

Nevada currently has a heavy-vehicle, diesel-emission inspection program for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds. These vehicles may be tested randomly on the highway, at checkpoints or voluntarily at fleet locations. All commercial vehicles operating in Nevada are subject to this test. No initial emission-control certificate is required.

For additional information, please contact the Emission Control office of the DMV's Compliance Enforcement Division in northern Nevada at (775) 684-3561 or in southern Nevada at (702) 486-8626.





**CHAPTER V:  
NEW PROGRAMS****Online Vehicle Registration**

The Department of Motor Vehicles has established a new program, MVS Express, which allows motor carriers to renew their vehicle registrations and file their quarterly fuel-tax returns online. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this convenient option should contact the Compliance Enforcement Division, Motor Carrier Section at (775) 684-4610, or go to Online Services at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com).

**Online Permitting**

Non-reducible-load permits for many vehicle combinations will soon be available online at [www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/trucker/). NDOT anticipates that these self-issued permits will save truckers time and money. Eventually, the system will be capable of issuing divisible-load permits as well.

**PrePass® Program**

As in many states, Nevada has implemented an electronic screening program called PrePass. It allows truckers, under certain conditions, to bypass inspection stations. The system electronically determines if a truck is of legal weight and if the carrier has a good safety record. If so, it is likely the trucker will be able to bypass the station.

**Highway Watch Program**

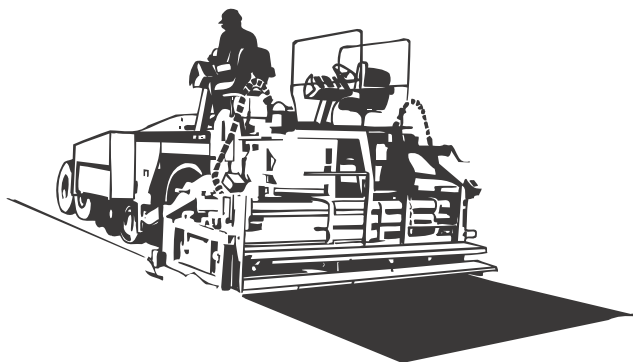
The Highway Watch program is a voluntary partnership between the American Trucking Associations, trucking companies, and state law enforcement. Under this program, professional truck drivers are trained to report dangerous highway conditions to the proper authorities. Highway Watch training also encompasses Homeland Security issues.

Contact the Nevada Motor Transport Association at (775) 673-6111 if you are interested in participating.

## New Highway Projects

As Nevada continues to experience rapid growth, it will become a greater challenge to ease congestion and keep goods flowing smoothly. The list below is a sample of the projects that will help this effort.

- *Interstate 15:* Widening from four to six lanes from Las Vegas to the California state line.
- *U.S. 95 in northwest Las Vegas:* Widening to five lanes in each direction from the “Spaghetti Bowl” to Rainbow Boulevard and to three lanes in each direction from Rainbow Boulevard to Craig Road.
- *U.S. 93:* Construction of the Hoover Dam Bypass connecting Nevada and Arizona.
- *U.S. 93:* Construction of a truck bypass on U.S. 93 through Boulder City.
- *U.S. 395:* Construction of the U.S. 395 Bypass through Carson City.
- *Interstate 580 (U.S. 395):* Construction of a freeway from Mt. Rose Highway to 11 miles north of Carson City.
- *Interstate 215:* Construction of a four-lane beltway and the I-515/I-215 interchange.
- *U.S. 50/U.S. 50A/U.S. 95A:* Replace a bridge and widen to four lanes from Fallon to Fernley.



**NOTES**

## NOTES

# Permit Quick Reference

Vehicle and Load Information			Permit Information				Duration	Cost
Load or Permit Type	Size	Weight (lbs.)	Agency	Phone	Fax	Web	Location	
Reducible Load	> 70' long & ≤ 14' high & ≤ 8'-6" wide	80,001 to 129,000	DMV	(775) 684-4711	N/A	dmv.nv.com	555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711	Annual - beg. Jan. 1
		≤ 80,000						Annual - beg. Jan. 1
Non-Reducible Load	> 70' long or > 14' high or > 8'-6" wide	Any	NDOT	(775) 888-7410	(775) 888-7103	nevadadot.com/business/trucker/overdimensional/	1263 S. Stewart St. Carson City NV, 89712	Single Trip - 5 days
								Annual - from issue
Any Load on Interstate Hwy.	≤ 70' long & ≤ 14' high & ≤ 8'-6" wide	> 80,000	NDOT	(775) 888-7410	(775) 888-7103	nevadadot.com/	1263 S. Stewart St. Carson City, NV 89712	Single Trip - 5 days
								Annual - from issue
Hazardous Materials (placarded)	Any	Per federal regulations	NHP	(775) 684-4622	N/A	nhp.state.nv.us	555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711	Annual - from issue
								Single Trip - 72 hrs.
Flashing Amber Lights	Any	Any	NHP	(775) 684-4622	N/A	nhp.state.nv.us	555 Wright Way Carson City NV, 89712	Annual - July 1 to June 30
Temporary Trip Registration	Any	> 26,000	DMV	(775) 684-4711	N/A	dmv.nv.com	555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711	Single Trip - 24 hrs from issue (buses 120 hrs.)
Fuel Tax								Registration: \$5 + 15¢/mi. Fuel Tax: \$30

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